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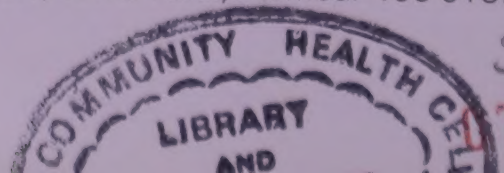

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WHY THIS PUBLICATION?

This book is being brought out by the India Programme of Focus hosted by YUVA in the light of the recent violence in Gujarat.

The damage to life and property in the three-month-long carnage was considerable but it still pales into comparative insignificance when we consider the deeper and more lasting socio-cultural and psychological wounds that it has left behind. Another shocking aspect is the active involvement of the State and the implications of this for people in the rest of the country and the future of democracy, secularism and plurality, as we know it.

We at Focus India felt that the images that have been coming out of the violence in Gujarat have been so gruesome that people, especially the young, often shy away from them. We thought of taking the message from and the lessons of Gujarat to people in the form of cartoons. The book also aims to emphasising the spirit of hope and the vision of a better world based on mutual respect and confidence in the multi-cultural and plural values on which the imagination of India is based.

The cartoonists whose selection we have featured here are Dr. Hemant Morparia and Anant Kulkarni.

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Focus is involved in activist oriented research and advocacy on issues arising out of neo-liberal globalisation and human security concerns.

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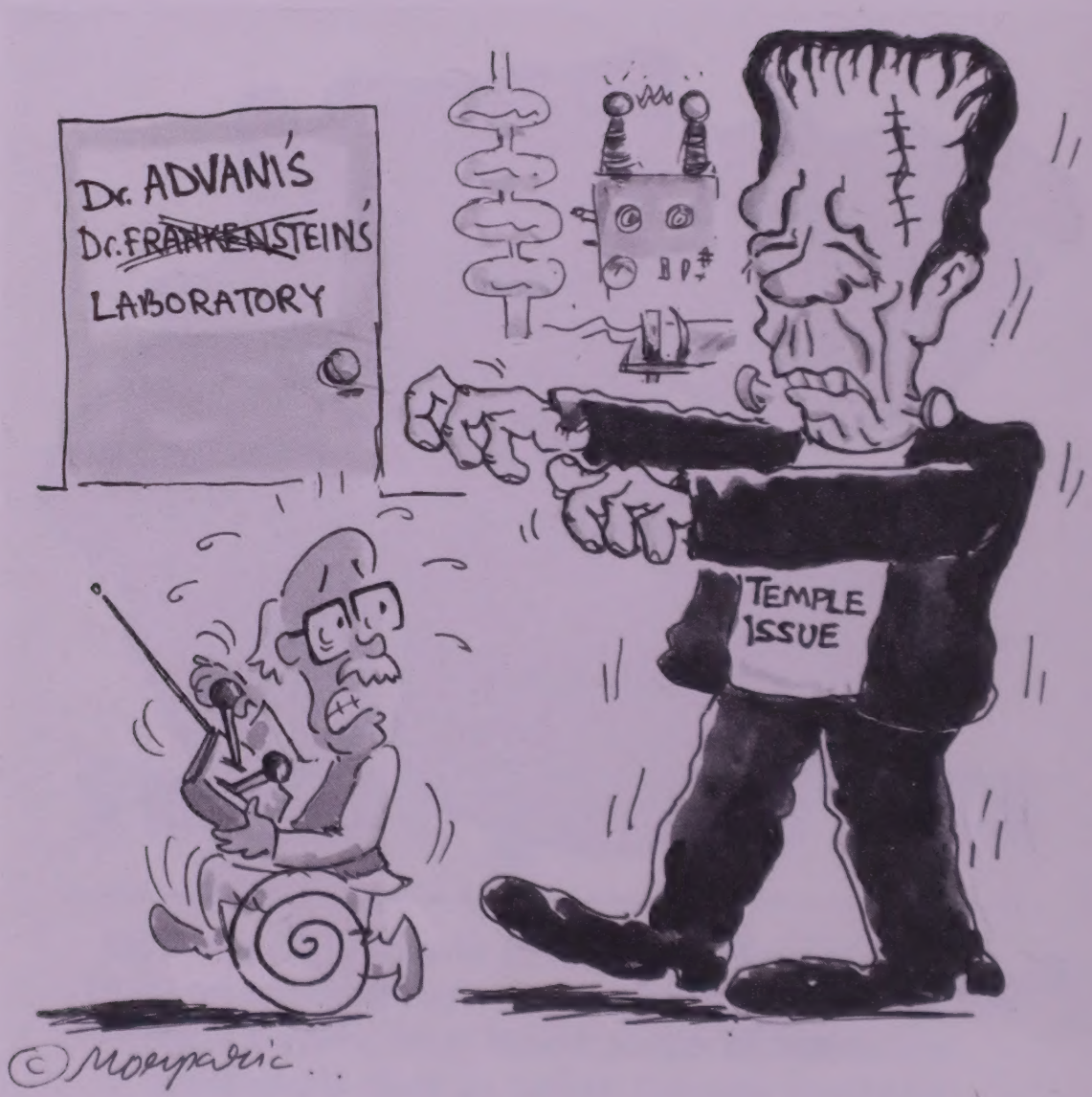
In a nutshell.


Dr. ADVANI'S
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What was shocking was
the middle class
complicity in the rioting.

For those who don't understand Gujarati, it means,
"What is today's pogrom?"

The police reportedly attacked
a peaceful gathering
protesting the riots at
Gandhiji's Sabarmati Ashram.

It seemed that the carnage would never stop.

A COMMUNAL BOMB

"EVERY REACTION HAS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE RE-REACTION---"
IT'S MY THIRD LAW OF EMOTION ... IT CONTINUES TILL THE LESSON IS LEARNT BY ALL
A RE-RE-RE-RE
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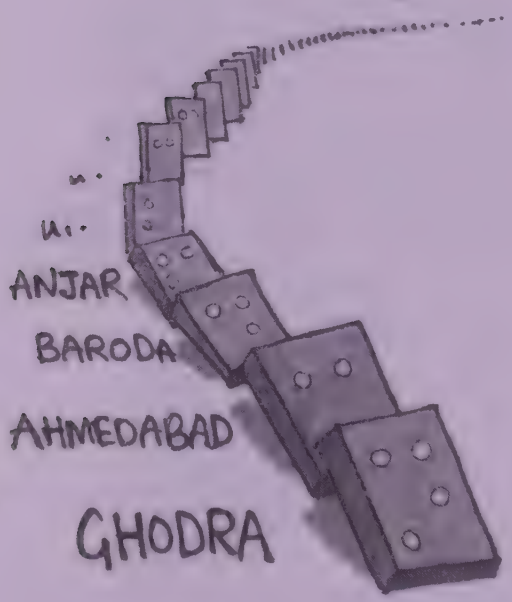
It was Partition-time
all over again!

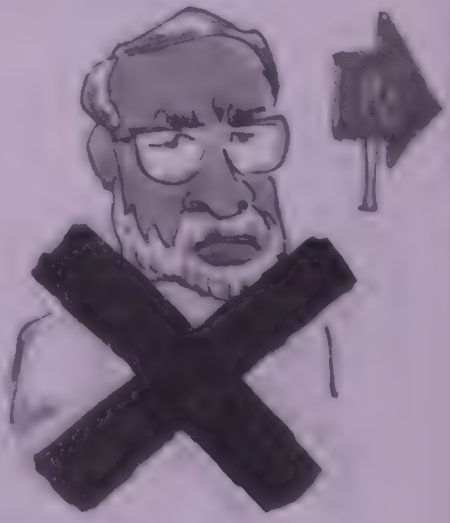
THE EFFECT:

DOMINO



THE CURE:

NO MODI



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AND WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE FINALLY, A LEVEL-PLAYING FIELD?!
THE (USUAL INDIAN) HIGH MORAL GROUND
GUJARAT CARNAGE
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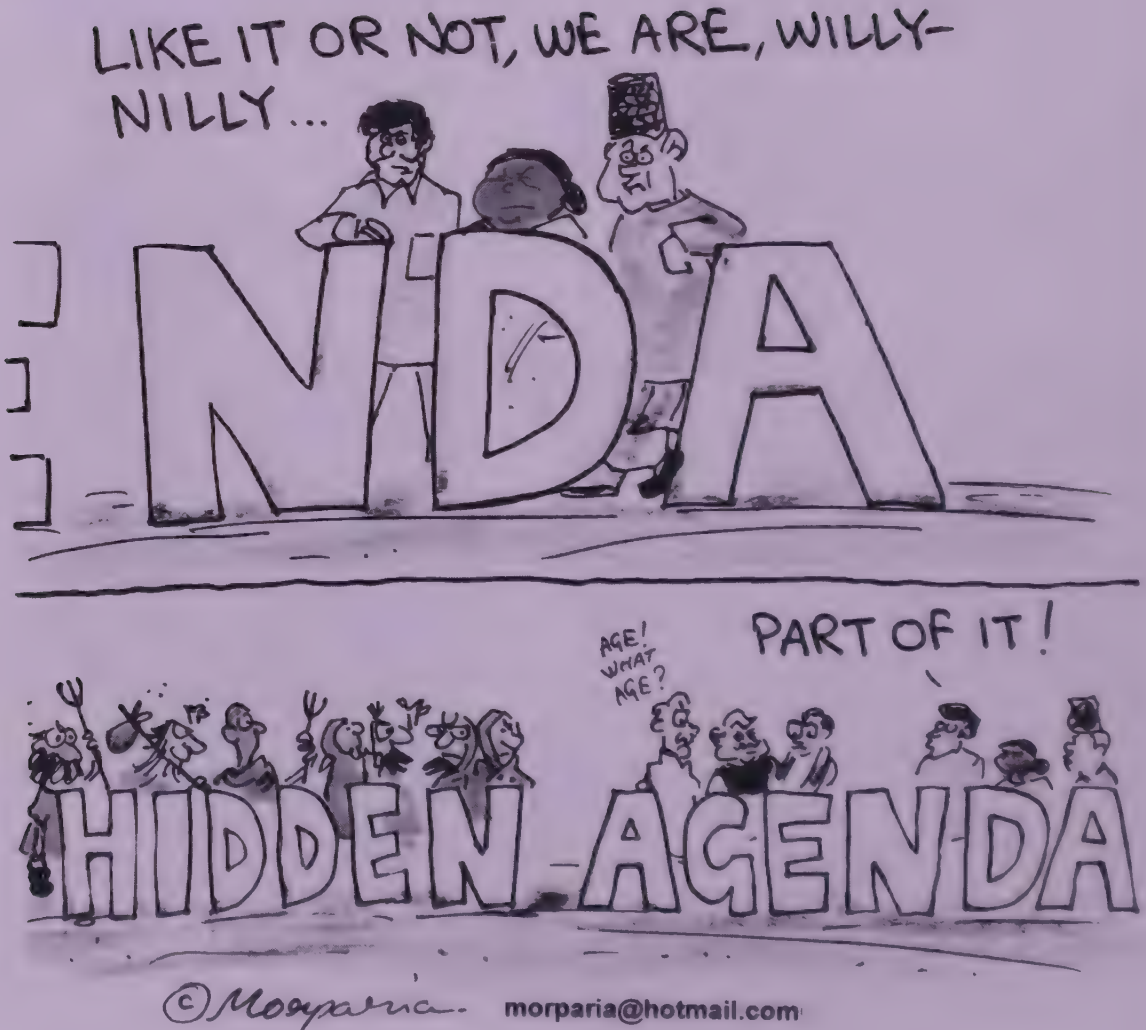
LIKE IT OR NOT, WE ARE, WILLY-NILLY...
NDA
AGE! WHAT AGE?
PART OF IT!
HIDDEN AGENDA
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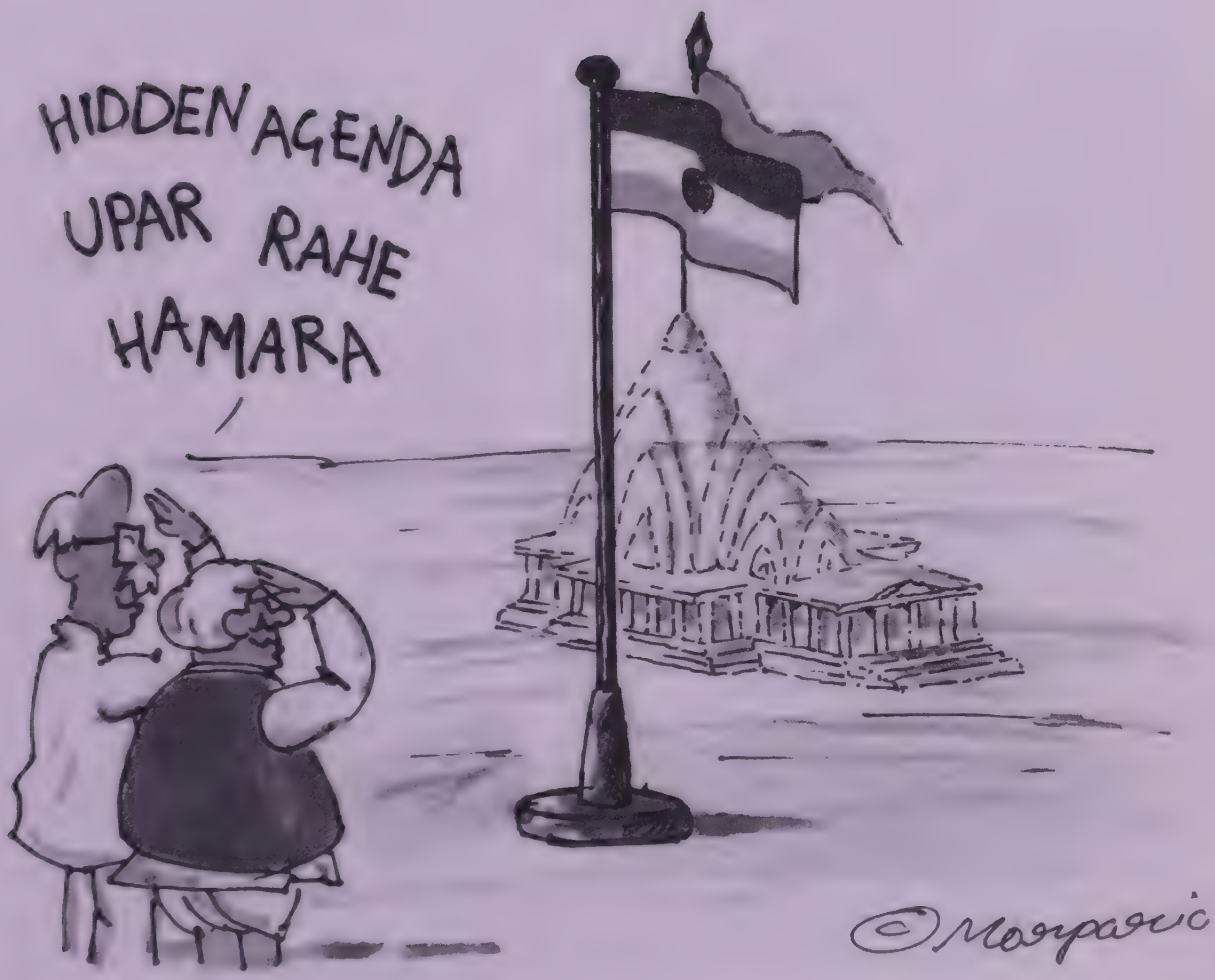
The real hidden agenda:
Politics before nation
or humanity.



YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!
OUR TRUE ENEMIES ARE NOT
PSEUDO-SECULARISTS BUT
PSEUDO-COMMUNALISTS
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Extremism only breeds more extremism!

PLAYING INTO EACH OTHER'S HANDS
THANK YOU! WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT YOU, PAL?
NO, NO THANK YOU! WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT YOU, BUDDY?
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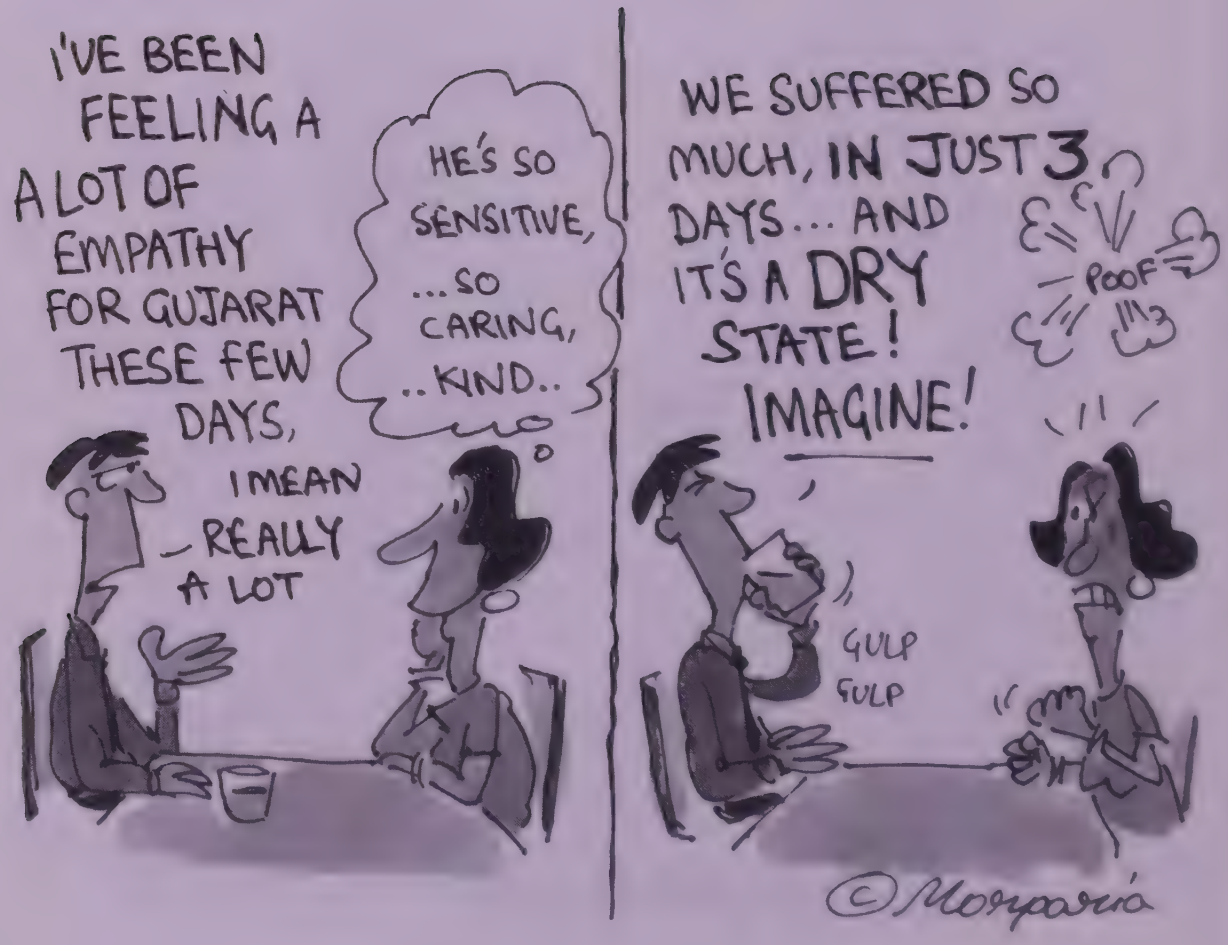

I'VE BEEN FEELING A A LOT OF EMPATHY FOR GUJARAT THESE FEW DAYS,
I MEAN — REALLY A LOT
HE'S SO SENSITIVE, ...SO CARING, ..KIND..
WE SUFFERED SO MUCH, IN JUST 3 DAYS... AND IT'S A DRY STATE! IMAGINE!
POOF
GULP GULP
©Morparia

Shops were looted and everything moveable was grabbed.

I'M JUST A HUMBLE ARSONIST OF THE PARTY...
AND WHEN THE TIME COMES, I WOULD BE PROUD TO LAY DOWN LIFE FOR IT
SOMEONE ELSE'S, THAT IS!
© Mosparia.

IT NOT BEING SAFE TO HAVE A BEARD ANY-
MORE IN GUJARAT, MR. MODI GETS A SHAVE
©Manpavia.

Attempts at whitewash ...

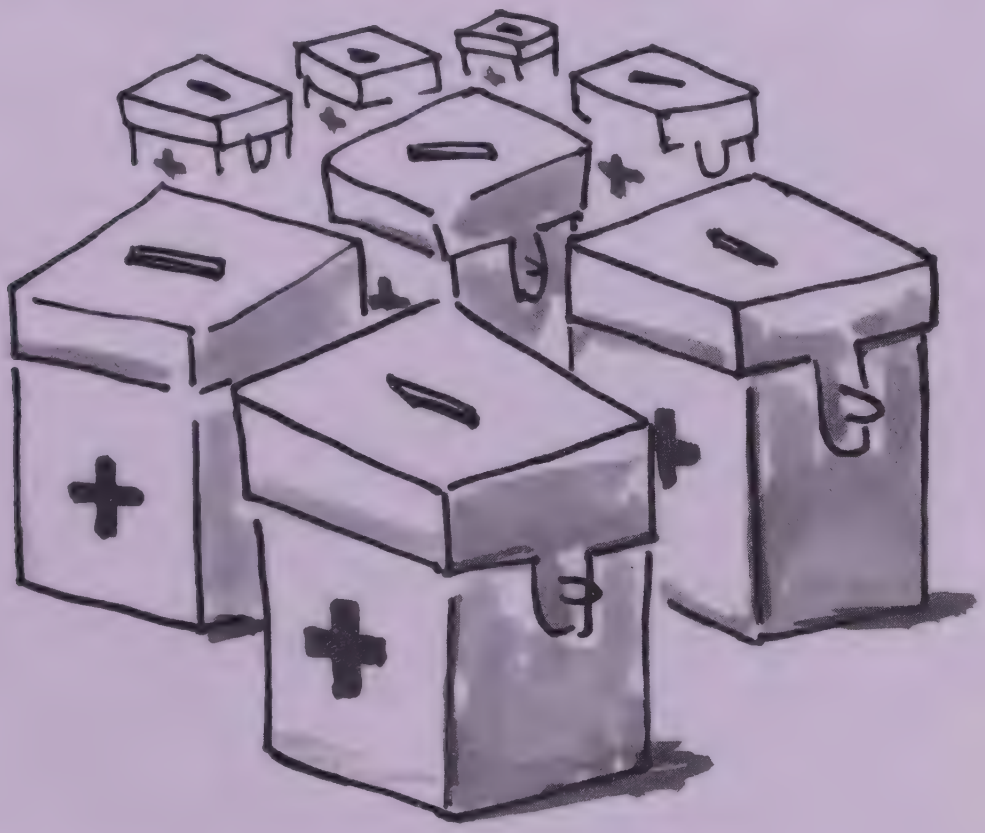
FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ARE POURING IN... APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FIRMS, FIRE-TENDING SERVICES, SAFETY SYSTEMS... ALL WANT TO SET UP SHOP... PERMANENTLY
INCLUDING A COMPANY CALLED "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL"
© Morparia

President Abdul Kalam, gets a 'conducted tour' of post-riot Gujarat.

A possible mentor.

Modi wants to capitalise politically on the communally - charged atmosphere in Gujarat

BALLOT-BOXES FOR GUJARAT ELECTIONS CONVERTED FROM



UNUSED FIRST-AID BOXES

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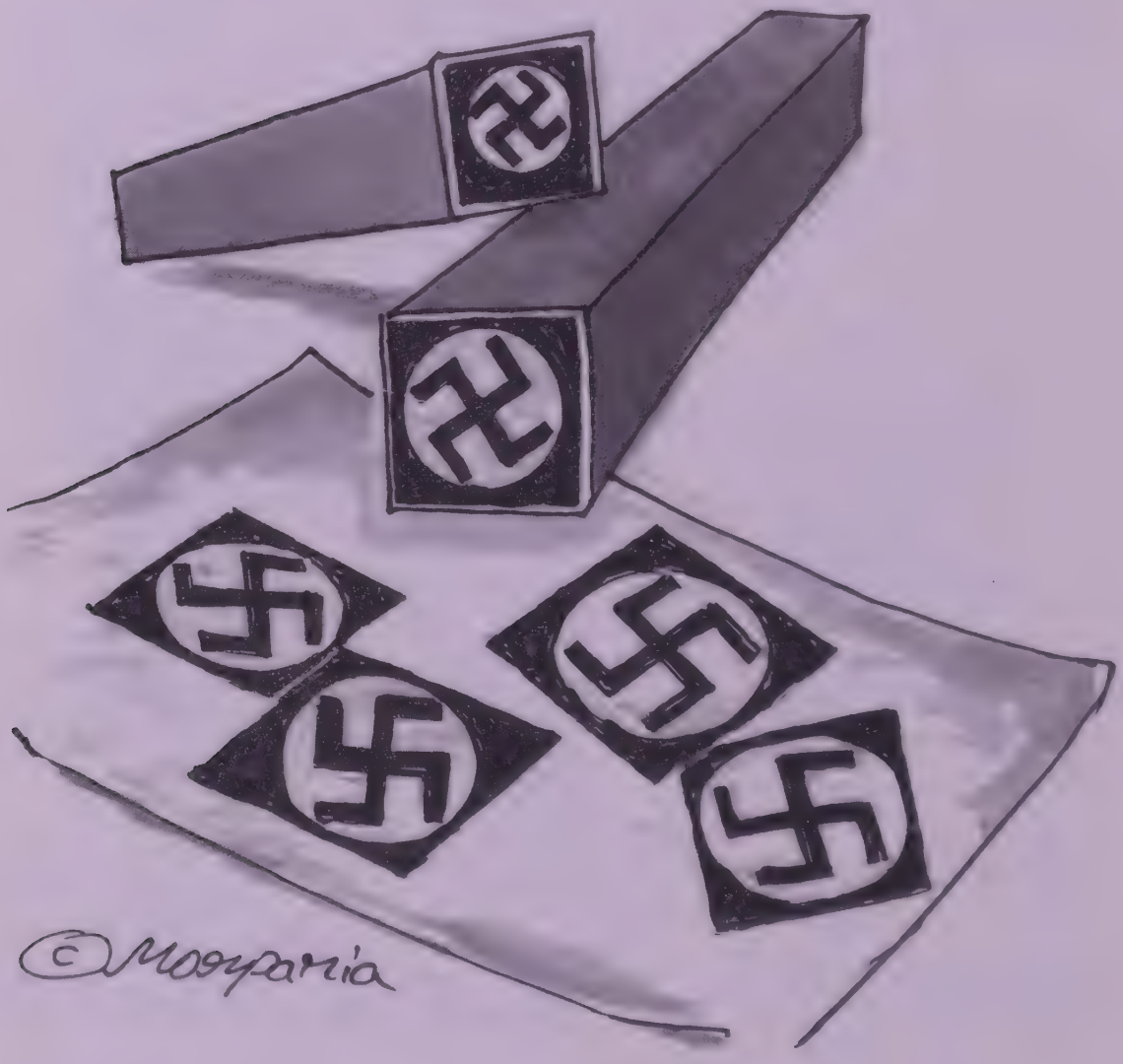
TESTING NEW, MODI-FIED GUJARAT ELECTION STAMPS



The Election Commissioner disallows the holding of elections. He is in turn attacked for being motivated on account of his Christian background by Modi.

A permanent rent ...

Fears Rekindled ...

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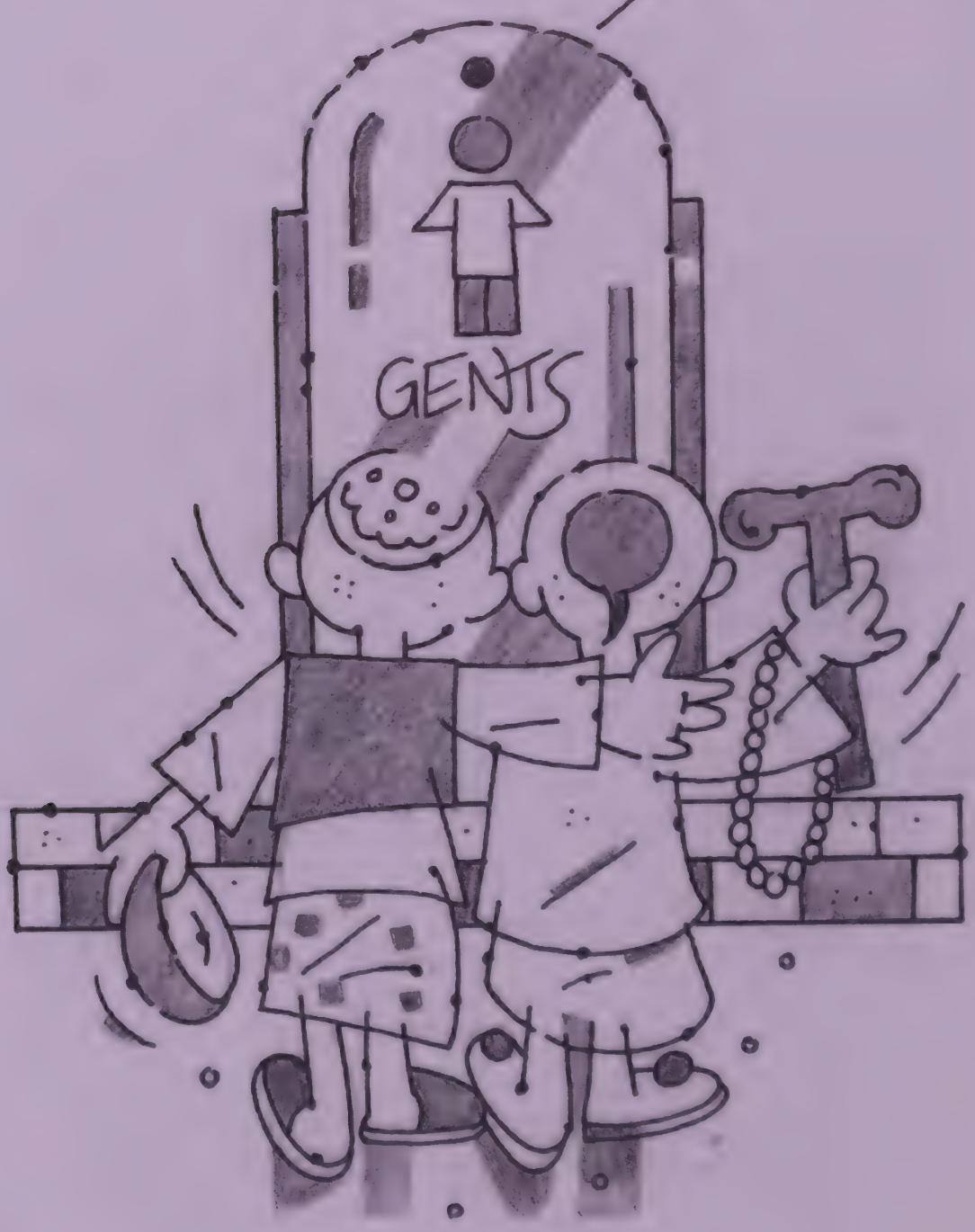
—SAILING IN THE SAME BOAT

COMMON-ALISM IS-

COMMON SENSE-



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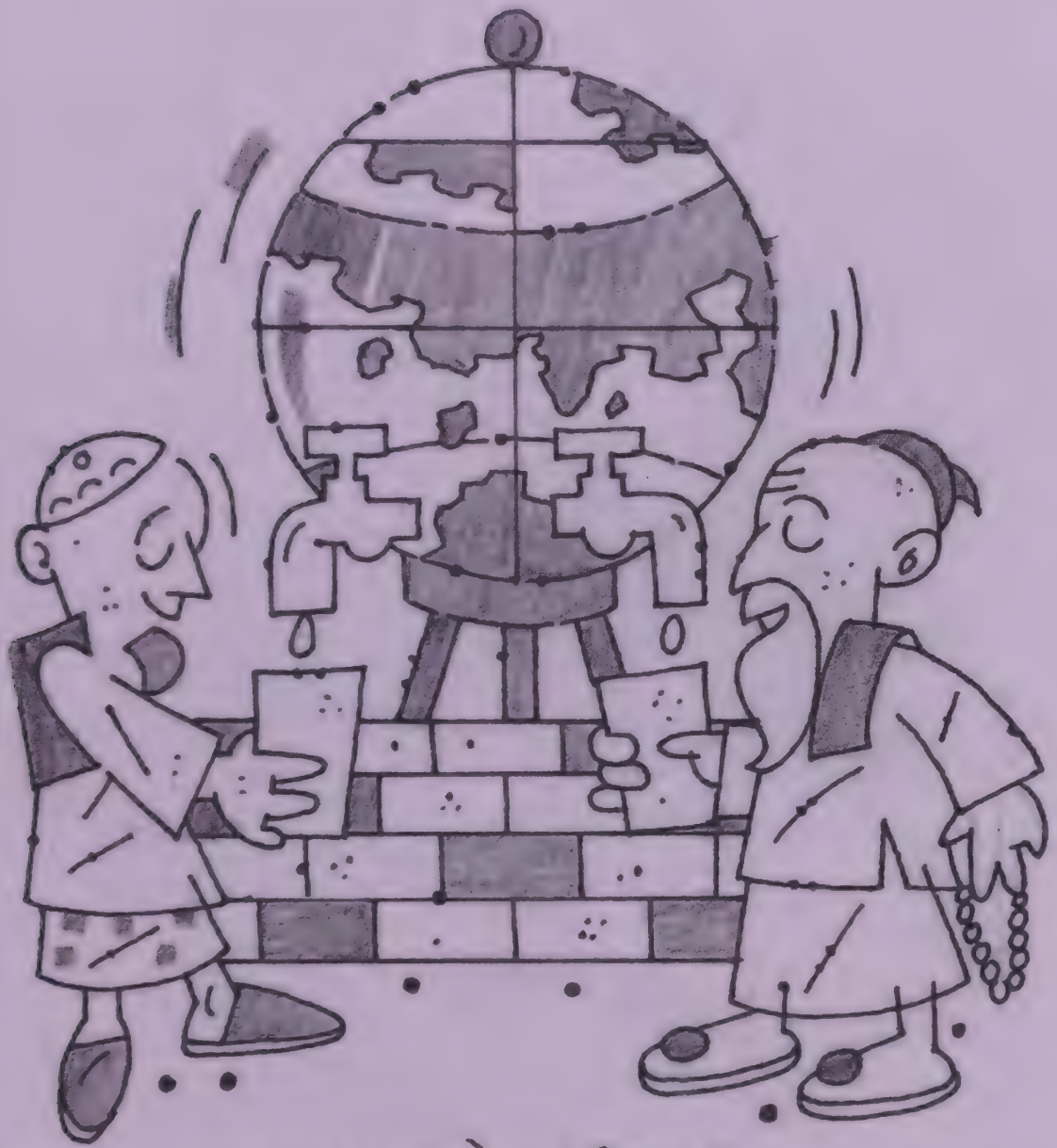

- COMMON THIRST.

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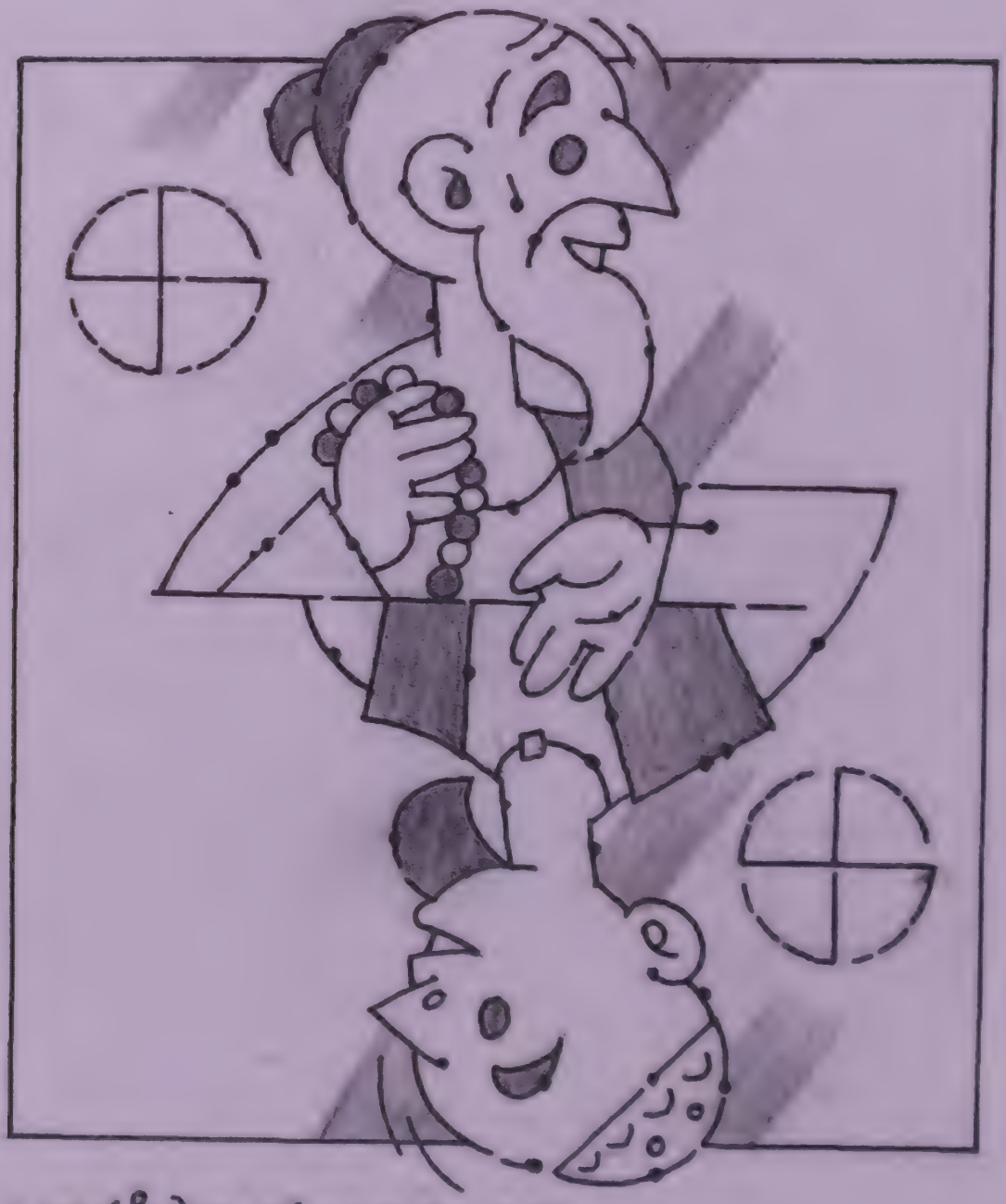
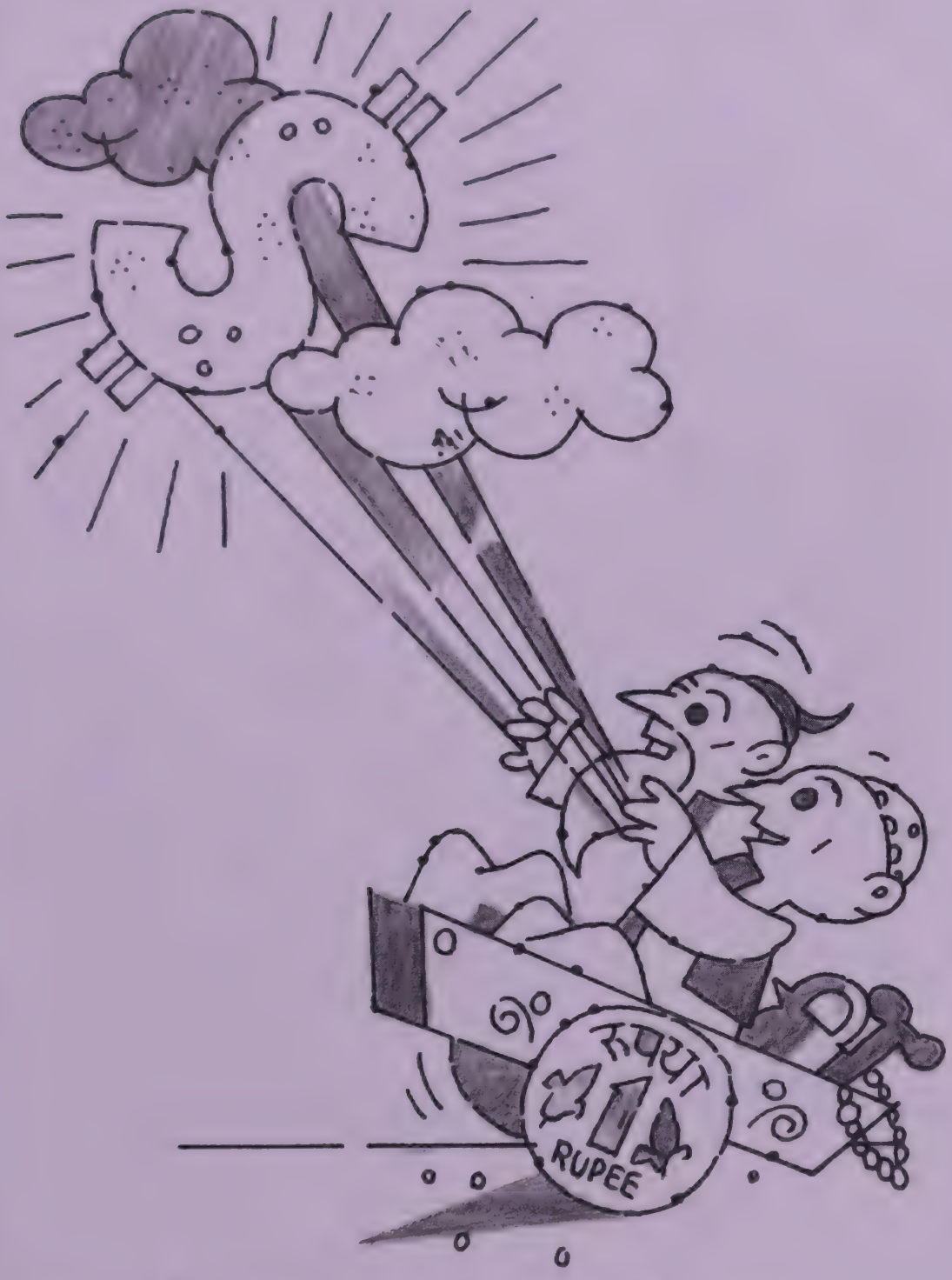


VOTING TOGETHER.

COMMON-ALISM-IS-

COMMON GARMENT-

COMMON-ALISM IS-



FIGHTING FOR SELF-RELIANCE.

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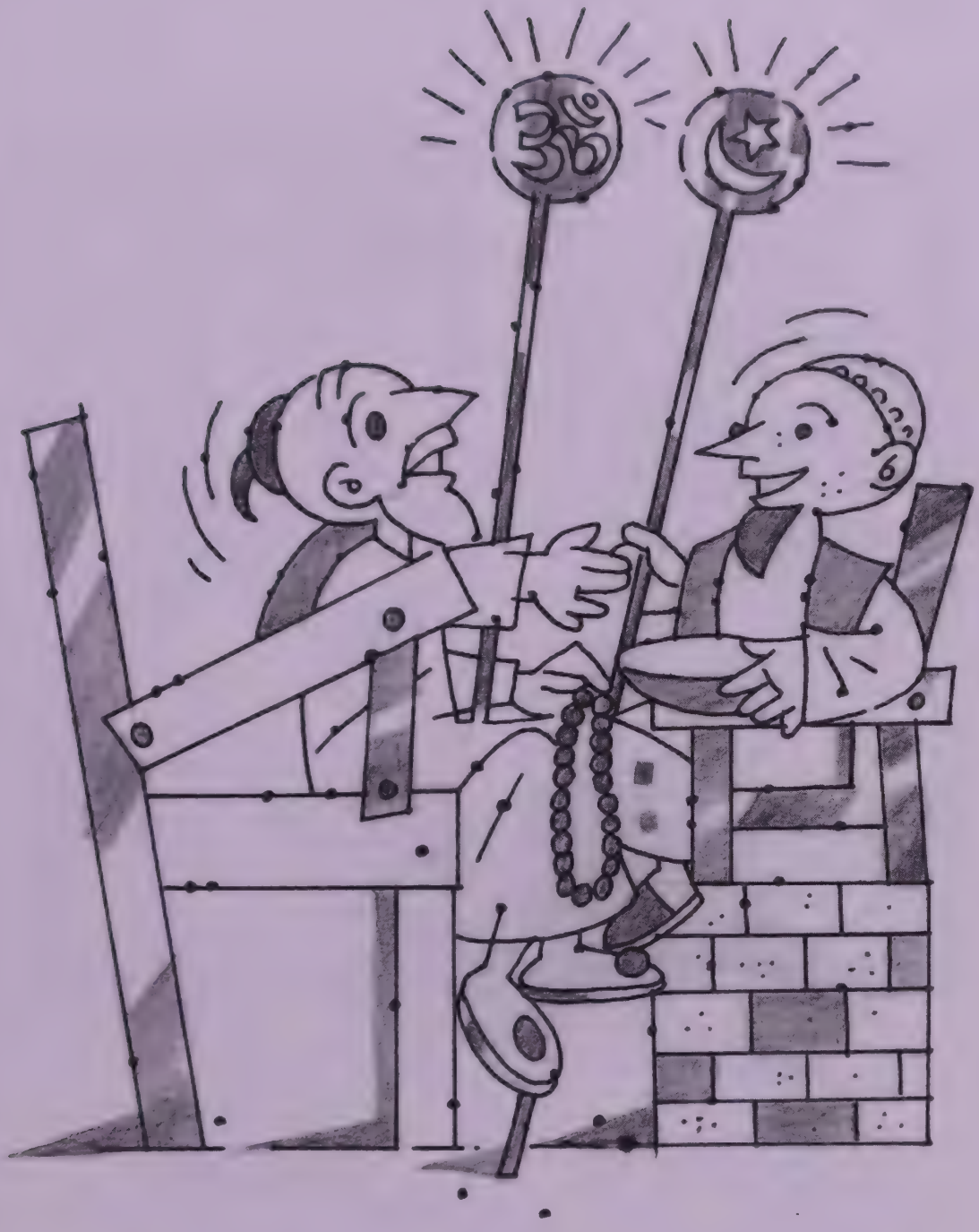

- EQUALITY.

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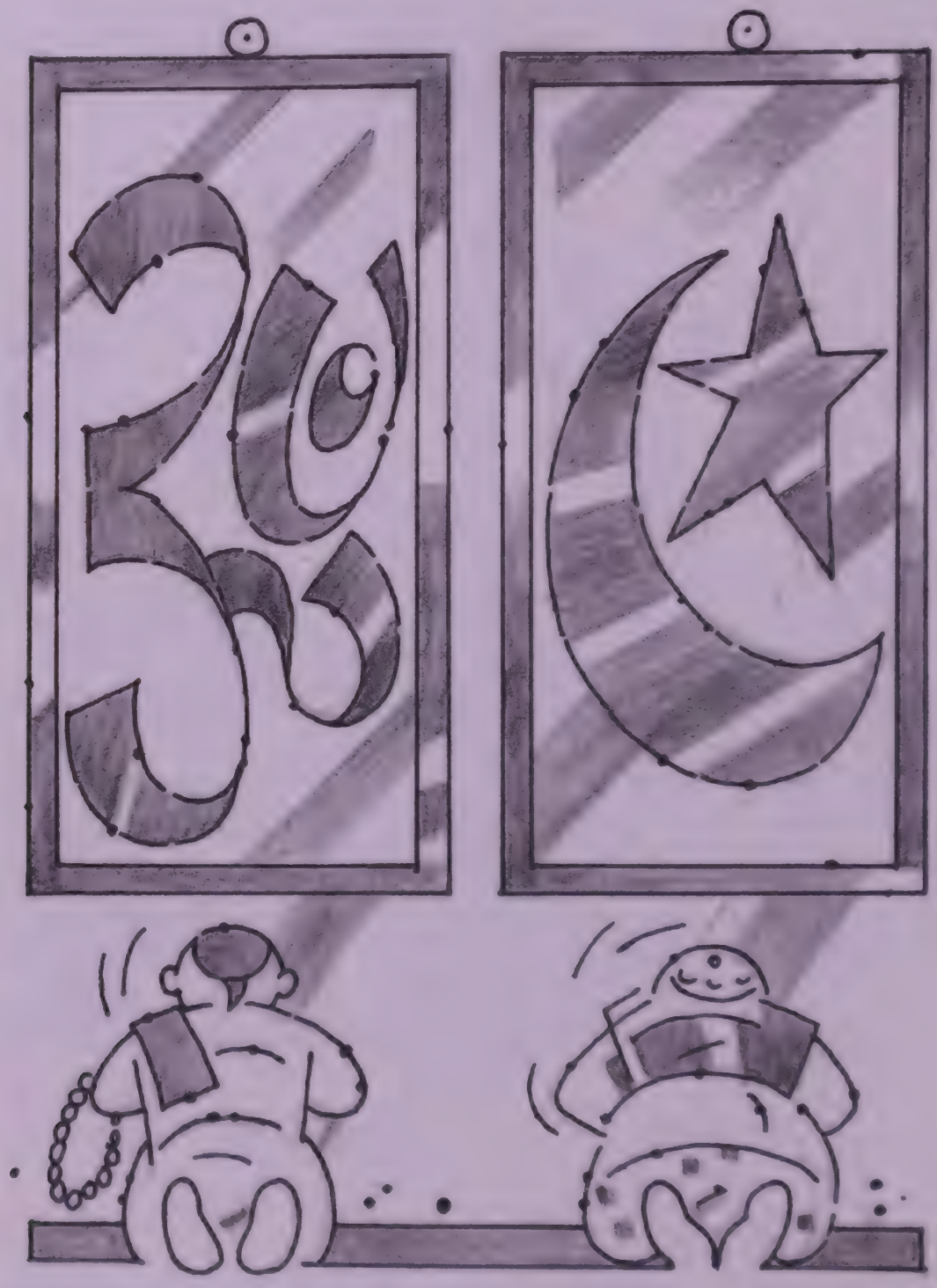

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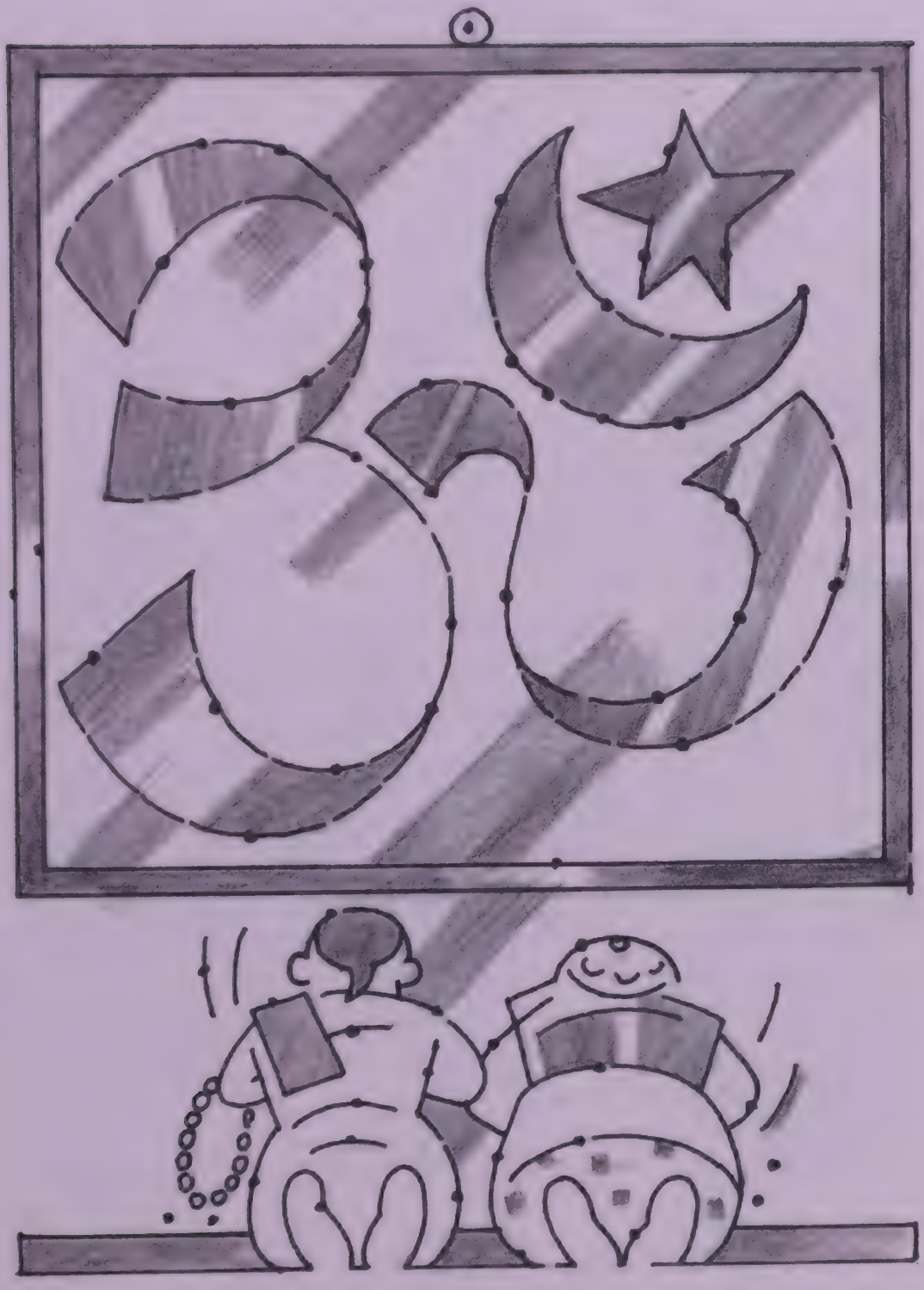

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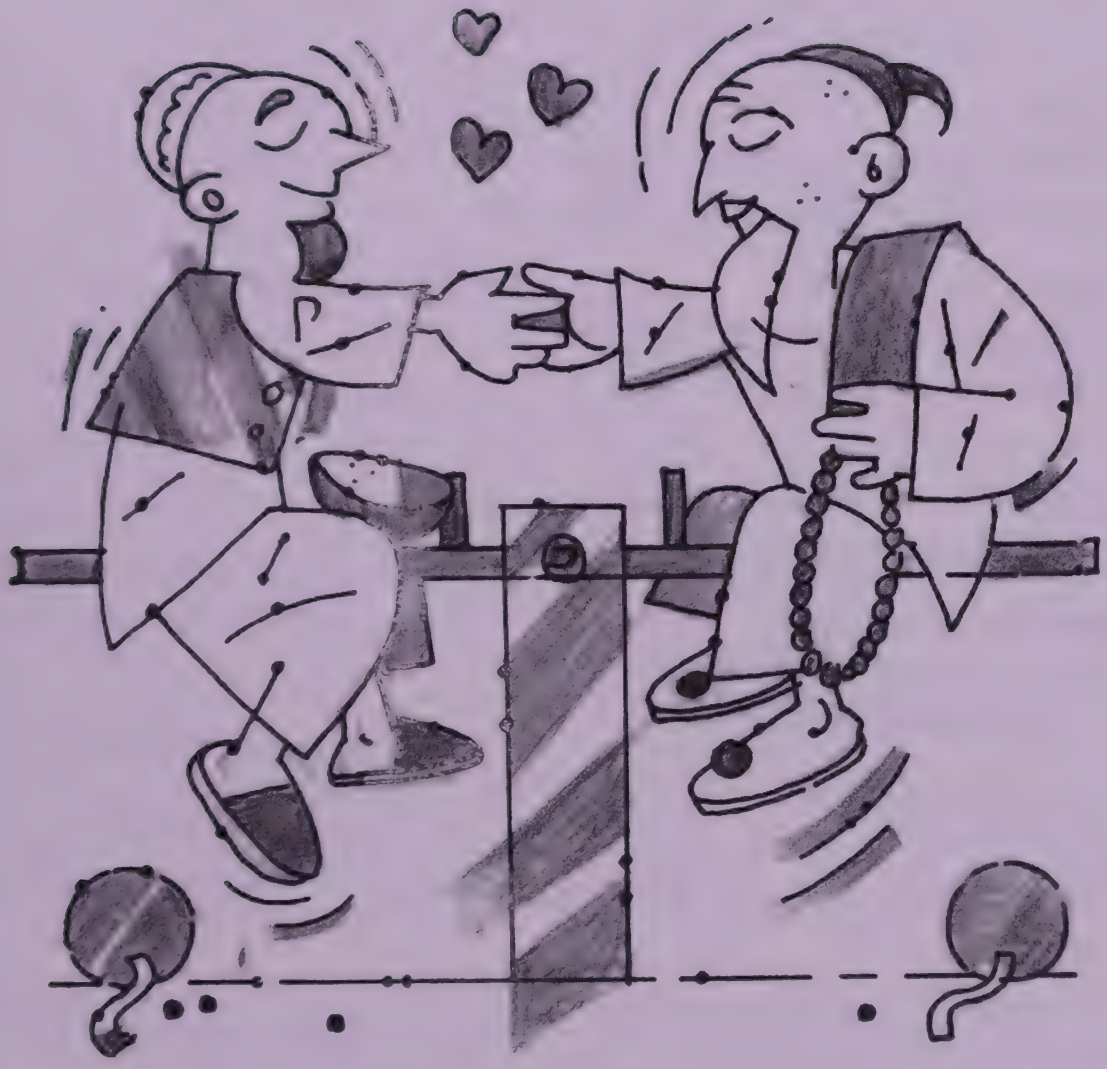

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